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11 MR. WILLIAMS: My name is Harry Williams. I'm from
12 the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council. I'm a member of the
1... 13 tribe. [The Native American prospective on anything is we
14 always look seven, eight generations down the road. And
15 when you're going to bury something in the ground for
16 10,000 years, that is so much farther in the future that
17 anybody could not really tell what's going to happen. The
18 last ice age was within 10,000 years.]

2... 19 And I'm not sure what studies have been done
20 on the environment as it changes. People here have
21 mentioned volcanos, earthquakes. Those are realities, and
22 that's where we live. That's why Inyo is called "Land of
23 Many Spirits," because of all these natural things and the
24 spirits that we call them. That's the natural things of
25 nature.

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2 cont. 1 Those actions that nature has, including
2 volcanos, earthquakes, storms, ice ages, those are things
3 that we have to consider in all parts of life. The
4 animals, the water in the area, if it does get
5 contaminated, it will affect the pupfish, a very rare
6 species that is in Death Valley, the bighorn sheep that
7 live in the area around that area, and then just the
8 natural people that live in this area, Inyo County, all the
4 way in a big circle, the whole Great Basin. You are going
10 to be bringing a material into this area. No matter how
11 you transport it here, it's going to have an effect
12 economically, socially. The entire world will look at this
13 area as a repository. It won't just be Yucca Mountain. It
14 will be the entire Great Basin area that will be affected.

15 The people in Vegas, I don't know how they
16 are going to be affected when everyone says "100 miles
17 north of you," and they might not want to visit. There
18 will be an impact more than we can ever understand.

19 It's our responsibility, as elected
20 officials at times, to question these things, even though
1 cont. 21 they may be scientific or based on facts. But nature, at
22 times, doesn't care about what man thinks. Nature moves on
23 its own. That's one of the things I would like the
24 Department of Energy to really understand. There will be
25 impacts that we won't understand for 10,000 years. And if

1 cont. 1 man is still alive in 10,000 years or if this civilization
2 is still in the same way, what protections are going to be
3 in this EIS that will address those issues in the next
4 10,000 years?] And that's what I would like to say.

5 MR. SKIPPER: Thank you.

6 THE FACILITATOR: Thank you.

7 Anyone else?

8 Go ahead. Why don't you go ahead, and then
9 we'll get you.

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